

HOLD OFFICIAL UP TO RIDICULE

Prisoner in Co. Jail Soap-Eater and Not Tubercular, as He Was Diagnosed By Dr. King

SHERIFF GRANT EXONERATED

Laughable Blunder Made by Physician, Who Got Much Free Advertising.

A bar of soap started a state prison investigation. Ridiculous? Read this.

Sheriff Thomas Grant has discovered a number of soap eaters in the county jail at Crown Point. These prisoners have taken to eating American Family soap for the purpose of making themselves look thin and emaciated in order that they may secure the sympathy of the jurors.

BELIFF'S DAILY DIET.
One of the most persistent of the soap eaters was Phillip Beliff who is charged with the murder of Simon Nesteroff, the Gary baker, from whom several hundred dollars is alleged to have been taken.

A cake of soap and a towel is given to each of the prisoners every Sunday morning. It was discovered that Beliff's soap disappeared much sooner than in the case of the other prisoners.

SOAP SAVES MURDERER.
The soap had the effect of making the man sick to his stomach and ruined his appetite. It also made him very thin and he became terribly pale and emaciated. Naturally he was the object of sympathy when his case came to trial.

The trial resulted in the disagreement of the jury and as soon as Beliff was released.

UNEARTH PLOT TO TAKE POWER AWAY

Councilmanic Association of Indiana Discovers What Leading Members Believe Is a Mayoralty Combine to Oust Aldermanic Power.

The Councilmen's Association of Indiana, to which a number of Gary and Hammond aldermen belong, has discovered what some of its leading members believe to be an effort on the part of the mayor's combination to secure more and more power until the usefulness of an ordinary councilman will be ended and it will be resolved into a sort of mayor's cabinet with only the right to advise in matters of municipal legislation.

The measure which is particularly obnoxious to the councilmen is known as "section five of senate bill 74, amending section 139 of the municipal code."

Extracts from its provisions are as follows: "The board of public works, before entering into any contract for work to be done for waterworks, shall receive bids etc. as now provided by law; and, 'if the board is not satisfied to give the contract to the lowest bidder, it may give the contract to the next lowest bidder or may decline to contract and re-advertise.'"

May Buy Public Utilities.
In view of the fact that this amendment has appended to it a provision that "in addition to the powers given in this section the board of public works shall also have and exercise all the executive powers given in this act in relation to the purchase or condemnation"

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CONDITIONS ARE NEARLY THE SAME

LATEST NEWS IN STRIKE SITUATION

Teamsters' union hold an important meeting last night and decide to remain neutral, abiding by agreement with Team Owners' association.

Non-union carpenters and plasterers begin to arrive in Gary in small numbers and are put to work in place of men who have walked out.

Two union men enter the shop of H. J. Neff & Co., in basement of the Knotts building. Attempt to strike one man employed there over head with a revolver. Arrests will follow.

Union contractors begin to take contracts because of open shop policy.

Gary carpenters union will meet for an important meeting on Thursday night.

Business Men's association call meeting for next Thursday night to take up discussion of labor situation.

Gary clerks local will meet next Sunday afternoon to discuss strike situation.

The first trouble in the Gary strike situation since a number of the crafts of the associated trades was called off work, occurred yesterday afternoon in the tin shop of H. J. Neff & Co., in the basement of the Knotts building, and (Continued on page 8.)

BENCH WARRANT OUT FOR E. CHICAGO MAN

Judge Reiter Scores Herman Fleaher After the Latter Comes to Court.

Judge Virgil S. Reiter of the Lake superior court today issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Herman Fleaher of East Chicago, who was subpoenaed by the grand jury now in session at Hammond and failed to appear.

When Fleaher appeared he was roundly scored by the judge for failure to answer to the summons that had been issued for him. He was told that the grand jury is not to be trifled with. He was asked to show cause why he should not be fined for contempt of court for failing to put in an appearance. The fact that he finally came after being arrested on a bench warrant and his abject manner resulted in his being dismissed without a fine.

He was then taken to the grand jury room, where he will be required to testify. It is understood that Fleaher will be questioned as to what he knows of gambling in East Chicago. It is understood that he is the proprietor of a gambling joint in East Chicago.

WOODMEN HOLD PUBLIC MEETING

Eureka camp, Modern Woodmen, No. 5,054, held a public installation of officers last night in Wells hall. The gathering taxed the capacity of the hall, but all agreed that it was one of the best social events that the Modern Woodmen had ever provided in Hammond.

The program consisted of speaking, music and some very excellently executed drills. Plenty of refreshments, both liquid and substantial, were served.

Nicholas Lynch acted as installing officers and installed the following:

Venerable counsel—Judge Fred Barrett.
Worthy advisor—Charles Volbricht.
Banker—David Johnson.
Clerk—Clarence Jewett.
Escort—Lewis Urbahn.
Watchman—Henry Polowski.
Sentry—Herman Lieber, Jr.
Manager—H. A. Martin.

SOME OF THE NATION'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN WILL BE AMONG ATTENDANTS AT VIVIEN GOULD'S WEDDING.



HAMMOND BUSINESS MAN TALKS ON THE GARY LABOR WAR

"We have got to take the position that labor unions are not bad and that the great majority of the union men of the Calumet region are honest. We have further to make the fact known that the various commercial clubs, merchants' associations, and manufacturers are not opposed to the organization of unions, but are opposed to the abuses that have been perpetrated by the crooks in some of the unions."

MISS BROOKS COMPLETES A MOST STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN

Miss Virginia Brooks, the young Chicago woman who more than two months ago, came to West Hammond to seek out the graft beast in its lair, completed the first part of her strenuous campaign at a big mass-meeting in White Eagle hall. It was her generalship that prevented the disturbers at the meeting from breaking up, and if the movement to make West Hammond a city is defeated at the polls today her loyal Polish followers will be glad to give her the lion's share of the credit.

White Eagle hall was crowded to the doors last night. Barney Johnson, the captain of the police, stood at the door. Not all of those present were loyal to Miss Brooks, a number of them having come merely to break up the meeting. They succeeded in keeping the session in a continuous uproar and with all the noise the stuffy atmosphere, the smoke of cigars, cigarettes and pipes, the hours were trying even on the strongest nerves. One of the worst disturbers was Martin Dombrowski, but he met his Waterloo at the hands of Miss Brooks in a rather dramatic way. Dombrowski succeeded in crowding to the front, and finally squatted on the floor of the stage dangling his feet into the face of the audience. He interposed any speaker when and where he pleased, and yet without being treated with some consideration by his long suffering countrymen. He attempted the same tactics when Miss Brooks addressed the audience, little thinking that the skirted orator would dare to call his bluff. It was after such a remark from him that she stepped in the middle of a sentence, and walking up to Dombrowski, she shook a finger into his face and said: "Martin Dombrowski, you have no right to sit on this stage with decent men. Why you would not even sign the petition." Before Dombrowski could answer this unexpected attack some husky Pole, sitting on the stage, pushed the disturber off his perch. It was only one of a hundred incidents.

Joseph Kuczel, a supporter of Miss Brooks, grew so excited in his address that he caused a good sized rumpus. He was finally squelched, but not without having voiced his words not generally heard in polite society.

Attorney Samuel K. Markman was the special object of attack for Miss Brooks. She also leveled a shot at Barney Johnson for permitting the West Hammond re-light district to exist.

Among the other speakers were Aug. Kamradt, the chairman of the meeting; John P. Rybarczyk, secretary; Joseph Stefanski, Bernard Burczyk, L. Floderowicz, Vincent Wirkus, Walter Babiak, Joseph Kuzel, Henry Wolf and R. Keene Ryan. Mr. Ryan is connected with the editorial staff of the Chicago Examiner.

THE INTERESTING TIMES' AD ALWAYS DENOTES THE INTERESTING STORE.

SHAMEFUL CONDITION REVEALED

Hammond Board of Health Will Investigate Charge That Gibson Railroad Office Force Is Forced to Drink Filthy Water.

That the hundreds of employees in the Gibson railroad offices are practically forced to drink the dirty germ-laden water of the filthy Calumet river, and that the department heads are either ignoring the situation or afraid to stand up for the rights of the people under them are complaints that are being voiced on all sides these days by the employees. A searching investigation by the Hammond board of health is looked for to arouse the company to a sense of decency and welfare for its employees.

Employees Indignant.
The indignant office force say they have been tacitly given to understand that they can either put up with the sewer water or take up monthly collections among themselves for a fresh water fund. These alternatives are termed by the employees to be overbearing and oppressive.

The water complaint is only one of a number which the employees say the company's niggardly policy has produced. The transportation facilities are up at all times for a scoring. The plaintiffs say that the company has adopted a rather rigid policy, accordingly to which all the employees are to live in the Calumet region. Ostensibly the employees were to be furnished with passes which would enable them to go to and from their work at a proper hour. After this system had been in force for some time the passes were limited to certain trains only, which necessitated the clerks to either pay their fare or remain in the office for a longer time.

Fear Dismissal.
By some it was pointed out that the object seemingly is to make the employees patronize the Gary & Interurban railroad. No attempt is made at individual complaints, nor has any one been found to lead the indignation forces as instant dismissal is feared.

Most of the water that is now used is pumped from the Calumet river into engine tenders and from there it is transferred to the offices, where the employees can help themselves.

The alleged policy of the company to practically force every employee to pay possibly 20 cents a month and more, and double that amount in the summer time for ice, is being denounced in the most unlimited terms.

JUROR WANTED TO SEE WIFE OFF

Hence Judge Reiter Continued Gary Payroll Cases Till ex-Editor Returns.

The Gary payroll cases did not come up in the Lake superior court this morning owing to the fact that A. A. Bibler, one of the jurors, was excused to see his wife off to Europe.

Mrs. Bibler is going to Norway to visit her relatives. Bibler was formerly the editor of the Crown Point Register. The principal witness on the stand yesterday was Joseph Britton, one of the timekeepers in the plant of the Indiana Steel company.

He is a clean cut young man and has testified that Bloomhoff could not have identified some of the straw working men, as is now alleged by the state. The case is dragging itself to a weary end. It is believed that it will last the rest of this week.

LOWELL SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Lowell, Ind., Jan. 31.—The Lowell schools have been closed on account of a high school girl being attacked with scarlet fever. All children were prohibited from attending the theater last night. For the balance of the week both the theater, skating rink and moving picture show will remain closed. This precaution was ordered by the board of health in an endeavor to prevent a spread of the disease. The marshal is seeing to it that the order is strictly enforced.

Dies of Pneumonia.

George Brady, 39 years old, who resided with his brother-in-law, H. Z. Malo, 450 Garfield avenue, West Hammond, died last night of pneumonia. The funeral has been arranged for Wednesday, when the body will be taken to Chicago on the 8:48 Nickel Plate to be buried in Calvary cemetery.

Brady was not married, and was employed by his brother-in-law in the blacksmith shop.

LATEST NEWS

Indiana Harbor, Jan. 31.—John Yonke of 115 Ingraham avenue West Hammond sustained an injured foot last Sunday while at work in the American Steel Foundry. His foot was quite badly crushed by the accident. He was taken to his home.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 31 (Times' Bureau.)—Senator Proctor in Senate and Representative Thornton in House introduced resolutions asking President Taft and Congress to revise tariff downward so as to relieve pressure of high cost of living. Seventy new bills introduced one to have all saloon licenses issued by judge of circuit court. rotor local option bill not yet reached Governor. Cannot reach him today made special order of business for tomorrow afternoon.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 31 (Times' Bureau.)—Senator Durre introduced bill to require every voter to vote at every general election under penalty of a hundred dollars fine and thirty days in jail. House committees killed large number of bills today but forty-one new ones were introduced.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 31.—The Proctor platform option amendment bill yet awaits the signature of Governor Marshall. Although the Governor was waiting in his office the bill was not sent downstairs yesterday to submit to the gubernatorial pen. The delay in making the bill a law is said to be due to the poor penmanship of the clerk who enrolled it. Senator Proctor, author of the measure, found the word "liquor" spelled "l-i-g-e-r" and some twenty other mistakes.

Michigan City, Ind., Jan. 31.—Mikado Crance of Hanna, aged 67 years, a civil war veteran, who served in the fifth Indiana battery, was instantly killed yesterday by the Pennsylvania flyer, which was running at a speed of a mile a minute. The aged man was walking eastward along the track, and the train came up behind him. Crane's head was cut off.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 31.—Logan Welch of Dunkirk, Ind., shot himself yesterday afternoon after being rejected by Ella Cunningham, 18 years old, a high school student. He had met her after school and had asked her to take a buggy ride. She refused. He bought a revolver and attempted to end his life. He will die.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—The military dirigible balloon Gross III, ascended at 8:15 a. m. today for its first long voyage of the year. The announced destination was Gotha, but it is understood that the airship will continue to Strassburg.

Washington, Jan. 31.—After considering the matter for more than seven hour sunder a special rule, the House at 11:40 o'clock last night, by a vote of 186 to 93, passed the bill providing for a permanent tariff board of five members. This is the first legislation recommended by President Taft to be adopted in the House this session.

REVENGE SOUGHT IN QUEER WAY

Because South Shore Interurban Car Refuses to Stop at Clark Road Two Men Place Impediment on the Track to Wreck Next Car.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
East Chicago, Jan. 31.—Revenge was sought in a rather unusual way by two men who were disappointed yesterday when a South Shore limited refused to stop at Clark road near Clark station, to take them aboard. The men hunted around the neighborhood and found an immense tree stump which between them they rolled onto the track, to insure the stopping of the train that followed the limited.

The first train to come along after the refractory limited, was the west bound local due in East Chicago at 3:31. It passed Clark road just twenty minutes later than the limited which the (Continued on page 8.)

MAN HURT IN GARY

1911 RAILROAD RECORD IN LAKE COUNTY

KILLED.....7
INJURED IN REGION.....7

Fred Jones of Indiana Harbor while attempting to board a moving car last night at 10:30 o'clock was thrown to the platform at the South Shore station and received a fractured hip. He was taken to Mercy hospital in an ambulance where Dr. J. E. Metcalf attended his injuries. The fracture is said to be a serious one and he will be confined to the hospital for several weeks.

SHOW WAS ONE OF BEST GIVEN HERE

George Ade's play, "Father and the Boys," was witnessed by a fair-sized audience at the Towle Opera House last night. It was a rollicking comedy with all of the earmarks of George Ade's humor on it, and one of the best ever seen in Hammond.

William H. Turner, in the leading role, proved to be a fine old sport after he had become convinced that the only way to make his sons settle down to business was to get out and get an example for them that would indicate the kind of a useless life they were leading.

The play was presented by a fine cast, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were present. Two of the best attractions of the season have been booked for Towle's. On Feb. 5 Henrietta Crossman will appear here in "Anti-Matrimony," and on Monday, Feb. 6, Louis Mann will appear here in the "Cheater."

Manager Manderback feels that his efforts to give the people of Hammond good city shows are unappreciated, as the house and company both lost money last night.

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